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PERFORMING INCREMENTAL)
PLACEMENT FOR LAYOUT-DRIVEN)
OPTIMIZATIONS ON FIELD)
PROGRAMMABLE GATE ARRAYS)


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DECLARATION UNDER RULE 132

1. My name is Stephen D. Brown. I am over the age of 21 years, of sound mind, and competent in all respects to make this Declaration. I am a Senior Director of Software Engineering at Altera Corporation. My business address is 151 Bloor Street West, Suite 200, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 1S4.
2. I have co-authored a publication with Deshanand P. Singh entitled "Incremental Placement for Layout-Driven Optimizations on FPGAs", published in Computer Aided Design, ICCAD 2002. IEEE/ACM International, on November 2002 (hereinafter "Publication"). I have read and understand the Publication.

3. I am a co-inventor of the above referenced patent application. I have read and understand the claims in the above referenced patent application.
4. I understand that the Publication has been cited against the above referenced patent application. To the extent that the described subject matter in the Publication relates to the claimed invention in the above referenced patent application, Deshanand P. Singh and I are co-inventors of the described subject matter in the Publication.
5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application and any patent issued thereon.

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